

(b) whether post offices have been provided in all the Gram Panchayats in the tribal areas; and

(c) if not, by when these are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Government have planned to provide telephone facility to all the panchayat villages including tribal and backward areas of the country progressively by 31st March, 1995, subject to availability of resources.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The post offices in rural areas including tribal areas are opened subject to satisfaction of income, population and distance norms prescribed for the purpose. Relaxed income and population norms are, however, applicable in the case of tribal areas which are minimum anticipated 15% income of the cost and 500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages are against an income of 33 1/3% of cost and 3000 population in a group of villages prescribed for normal rural areas respectively. Expansion of postal network is a continuing process and efforts are made to cover as many such areas as possible subject to satisfaction of prescribed norms and availability of funds.

#### **Reconstitution of Programme Advisory Committee**

4012. PROF. MALINI BATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether reconstitution of Programme Advisory Committee for All India Radio is being considered;

(b) whether the State Governments are supposed to nominate some of the members on the Committee;

(c) the scope, objective, terms of reference and powers of the Committee; only

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Programme Advisory Committee have been re-constituted at most of the All India Radio stations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Programme Advisory Committees are constituted for a period of 2 years. The basic purpose of these Committees is to make suggestions for the improvement of programmes, and advice on such other matters concerning the planning and presentation of programmes of the station as are referred to the committee.

#### **Technical facilities at kozhikode Airport**

4013. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for the establishment of the required technical facilities for operation of the Air bus aircraft at Kozhikode Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air bus A-320 aircraft are already operating to/from the airport at Kozhikode/Calicut. A feasibility study has been carried out by the National Airports Authority of extension of the runway. The study revealed